

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY ~ MARCH 28, 2019 ~ 6:30 P.M.

FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS SERVICE CENTER

Directors Keith Lau, Andre' Good, George Catsavis, Robyn Dawson, Kevin Settle, and Neal Martin unanimously called the special meeting for the following:

- Interview the following individuals who have submitted the required documentation to be considered for appointment to fill the unexpired term of Ward 3 Director:
 - ▶ Jack Swink
 - ▶ Jeff Burks
 - ▶ Robert Brown
 - ▶ J. Lavon Morton
 - ▶ Matthew Holloway
 - ▶ Taneka L. Tate
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
Appointment: Ward 3 Director

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor George B. McGill, presiding. On roll call, the following members of the Board were present: Directors Keith Lau, Andre' Good, George Catsavis, Robyn Dawson, Kevin Settle, and Neal Martin. The Mayor declared a quorum present.

Mayor McGill inquired if any Board member had any item of business to present that was not already on the agenda. There was none presented.

The Mayor announced that each of the above named persons have submitted the required documentation to be considered for appointment to fill the unexpired term of Ward 3 Director ending on December 31, 2020. Each will be interviewed individually, and in the order as listed on the agenda, which is the order the required documentation was submitted to the City Clerk's Office. Prior to initiating the first interview, the remaining

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individuals to be interviewed were requested to leave the room; however, upon completion of each interview, the person was invited to remain in the meeting room. All of the above named individuals were present with the exception of Mr. Matthew Holloway, who previously advised the Board of the potential for his inability to be attendance.

Each member of the Board of Directors submitted the same interview questions to each individual desiring consideration of the subject appointment. All those being interviewed were afforded the opportunity for an opening and closing statement.

At the time for interviewing Mr. Holloway, Director Settle confirmed that he was not in attendance, and that he requested the Board conduct his interview via telephone.

City Administrator Carl Geffken requested information from City Clerk Sherri Gard whereby she advised the city attorney had been contacted regarding Mr. Holloway's request. It was determined the Board may conduct the interview via telephone (on speaker) provided Board concurrence is noted.

Director Settle expressed concern with such citing he was not in favor of conducting a telephone interview. All remaining members of the Board concurred; therefore, the Mayor announced that by a preponderance of the Board, no telephone interview would be conducted. The last interview of the evening with Ms. Tate was then initiated.

The Board convened into executive session at approximately 7:39 p.m. to consider the subject appointment.

After reconvening, the following individual was present to address the Board:

- David Harris
Fort Smith, Arkansas

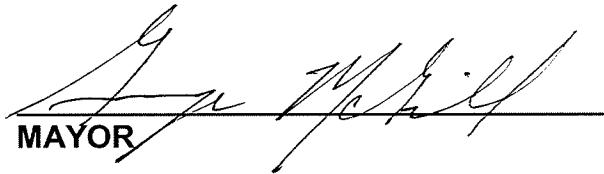
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Re: Expressed concern with the potential for appointment citing such is a "*poor process*." He conceded a special election will be an expense to the City of Fort Smith, specifically denoting \$15,000; however, he insisted such is less than the combined annual auto allowances provided to the Board of Directors. Regardless, he urged a special election be held to allow the residents of Ward 3 to vote for the individual they wish to represent their ward.


Settle, seconded by Lau, moved to place a resolution on the April 2, 2019 regular meeting to appoint J. Lavon Morton to the Ward 3 Director position. The members all voting affirmatively, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Settle moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dawson and the members all voting aye, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting stood adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK